



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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**Senate Bill 257 - AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING OF PAYMENTS BY MANUFACTURERS TO
INDEPENDENTLY-PRACTICING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

The Department supports Senate Bill 257, which clarifies section 21a-70f of the general statutes by stating that applicable manufacturers must only report to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection instances in which the manufacturer provides a payment or transfer of value to an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) when such APRN is not practicing in collaboration with a physician.

The clarification that this bill provides will prevent manufacturers from having to report twice or more to the Department of Consumer Protection on payments or other transfers of value to a practice where a physician works in collaboration with one or more APRNs. Manufacturers will only need to report payments or other transfers of value made to APRNs who have notified the Department of their intent to practice independently.

Thank you for the opportunity to share information related to this bill.